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Alta et al.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002, having a response due date by June 26, 2002, the applicants hereby request continued examination of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Prior to such continued examination, please amend the above application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, replace the paragraph starting on line 7 with the following paragraph:

-Biomaterials are synthetic materials used to replace or augment a part of a

living system or to function in contact with living tissue. Among the many causes for mortality among human beings, cardiovascular diseases account for a major portion of

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